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Report of the Secretary-General

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. By General Assembly resolution 845 (IX) of 22 November 1954, Member States were invited to extend to the inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories offers of facilities not only for study and training of university standard, but also for study at the post-primary level, as well as technical and vocational training of immediate practical value.

2. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 1696 (XVI) of 19 December 1961, offers extended under resolution 845 (IX) are communicated by the Secretariat to the administering Powers to enable them to give appropriate publicity to the offers in the Territories under their administration.

3. Information on scholarships offered by Member States under the programme is made available to prospective applicants. Reference to the programme is included in the twenty-seventh edition of the handbook entitled Study Abroad (1992/1993/1994), published by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

4. Under the terms of General Assembly resolution 845 (IX) and subsequent resolutions 1/ the Secretary-General submits to the General Assembly each year a report containing detailed information on the offers made and the extent to which they were utilized. 2/ The present report, which covers the period from 1 October 1991 to 30 September 1992, is submitted in accordance with paragraph 5 of Assembly resolution 46/66 of 11 December 1991.

II. SCHOLARSHIP OFFERS AND AWARDS

A. Offering States

5. Over the years, the 44 States Members of the United Nations and one non-member State listed below have offered to make scholarships available for the use of inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories in response to the resolutions mentioned above:

Australia
Austria
Barbados
Brazil
Bulgaria
Canada
Cuba
Cyprus
Czechoslovakia
Egypt
Finland
Gabon
Germany
Ghana
Greece
Hungary
India
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Ireland
Israel
Italy
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Malawi
Malta
Mexico
New Zealand
Pakistan
Philippines

Poland	Turkey
Romania	Uganda
Russian Federation	Ukraine
Singapore	United Arab Emirates
Sri Lanka	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Sudan	
Switzerland	United States of America
Syrian Arab Republic	Uruguay
Tunisia	Yugoslavia

6. In addition to the programme under General Assembly resolution 845 (IX), a number of Member States have contributed to the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa (UNETPSA), information on which will be contained in the relevant report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session.

B. Offers and awards

Australia

7. In a note verbale dated 30 July 1992, the Permanent Mission of Australia to the United Nations informed the Secretary-General that since 1989, Australia had offered 12 new training awards under the bilateral Sponsored Training Program to students from New Caledonia. In 1992, the awards had been increased to 15. Students undertook six months of training in the English language, followed by technical or vocational training in disciplines identified as priorities for development, such as agriculture, fisheries, tourism and hospitality. In addition, under the Equity and Merit Scholarship Scheme, 15 New Caledonians had received awards to enable them to undertake full-time study in Australian institutions of higher education. Six more scholarships would be made available for 1993. Australian education and training assistance to New Caledonia in the financial year 1991/92 amounted to $A 740,000.

8. Australia has no specific programme of assistance to Tokelau but responds to a variety of ad hoc requests. In 1991, the Government sponsored two students for training at the Telecom Training Centre in Fiji; the training of one student is continuing this year. Training for 1991/92 amounted to $A 43,000.

9. In addition, Australia offers a variety of training awards to the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands under the bilateral programme covering attachments and short-term awards in Australia, academic training at institutions in Fiji and Papua New Guinea, and in-country training. Australian education and training assistance to the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands in 1991/92 amounted to $A 130,700.

Barbados

10. In a note verbale dated 18 August 1992, the Permanent Mission of Barbados to the United Nations informed the Secretary-General that it continued to provide scholarships to nationals of Non-Self-Governing Territories tenable at the Barbados Community College and the Samuel Jackman Prescod Polytechnic. During the academic year 1991-1992, nine scholarships were granted to nationals from the British Virgin Islands, two to nationals from Montserrat and three to nationals from the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Cyprus

11. In a note verbale dated 21 April 1992, the Permanent Mission of Cyprus to the United Nations informed the Secretary-General that the Government of Cyprus was offering a scholarship for the academic year 1992/93 to an inhabitant of a Non-Self-Governing Territory, tenable at the Cyprus Forestry College.

New Zealand

12. In a note verbale dated 29 July 1992, the Permanent Mission of New Zealand to the United Nations informed the Secretary-General that in 1992, the Government of New Zealand provided the following scholarships: one full study award and six on tuition costs to 7 students from New Caledonia and full study awards to 13 students from Tokelau.

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

13. In a note verbale dated 31 July 1992, the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations informed the Secretary-General that during the financial year 1991/92, the United Kingdom had offered 159 scholarships to students from the British Dependent Territories as follows: Anguilla, 7; Bermuda, 14; the British Virgin Islands, 9; the Cayman Islands, 4; the Falkland Islands (Malvinas), 27; Gibraltar, 7; Montserrat, 16; St. Helena and Tristan da Cunha, 51; and the Turks and Caicos Islands, 24.

III. APPLICATIONS MADE THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS

14. In accordance with the procedure established in General Assembly resolution 1696 (XVI), applications for scholarships received by the United Nations Secretariat from inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories are transmitted simultaneously to the offering States for consideration and to the administering Powers for information.

15. Between 1 October 1991 and 30 September 1992 the Secretariat received requests from 42 students for information on the availability of scholarships. None of those students were inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing

Territories. Requests for information and applications received from South African students were forwarded for consideration to UNETPSA, as well as to the offering Governments.

Notes

1/ The most recent resolutions adopted by the General Assembly on this question are resolutions 44/87 of 11 December 1989, 45/20 of 20 November 1990 and 46/66 of 11 December 1991.

2/ For the most recent reports, see A/44/613 and Add.1, A/45/560 and A/46/517 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and 2.